

Claims

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1. Pharmaceutical compositions for the oral administration of phloroglucinol, characterized in that, when liquid, they contain a system which buffers them to a pH of between 3 and 7, or in that, when solid, they contain a system which, when they are placed in an aqueous medium, is capable of exerting a buffer effect between pH 3 and pH 7.
 2. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 1, characterized in that said buffer pH is between 4 and 6.
 - 10 3. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that they are presented in the form of solutions, suspensions or syrups or in the form of tablets, gelatin capsules, powders, granules or lyophilizates.
 4. Pharmaceutical compositions according to any one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that said system responsible for the buffer effect comprises at least
15 one organic acid and/or at least one salt of an organic acid in association with at least one strong base and/or at least one salt of a strong base.
 5. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 4, characterized in that said organic acid is selected from citric, tartaric, malic, lactic, acetic, glutaric, benzoic and adipic acids.
 - 20 6. Pharmaceutical compositions according to claim 4 or 5, characterized in that said base takes the form of sodium bicarbonate, sodium carbonate, calcium carbonate, magnesium carbonate, sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, potassium bicarbonate or potassium carbonate.
 7. Pharmaceutical compositions according to any one of claims 1 to 6,
25 characterized in that they are presented in the form of effervescent solid galenical preparations.
 8. Pharmaceutical compositions according to any one of claims 1 to 7, characterized in that they are presented in the form of effervescent tablets.
 9. Pharmaceutical compositions according to any one of claims 1 to 7,
30 characterized in that they are presented in the form of effervescent tablets containing citric acid and sodium bicarbonate.
 10. Process for the preparation of pharmaceutical compositions according to any one of the preceding claims, characterized in that it comprises formulating the phloroglucinol in the liquid form with a system which buffers said liquid form to a
35 pH of between 3 and 7, or in the solid form with a system which, when said solid

form is placed in an aqueous medium, is capable of exerting a buffer effect between pH 3 and pH 7.

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